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FFESTINIOG URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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for the

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

Dr. Hugh Francis

L.B. Ch.B. D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

Cyril Parry. C.R.S.I.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

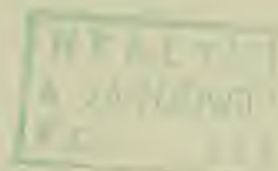
Health Committee consists of
all Members of the Council.

Clerk of the Council.


T.H.Morgan.

Chief Financial Officer.

D.J.Sands Evans.



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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st 1969.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Ffestiniog U.D.C.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Health Report for the year ended December 31st, 1969.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population was 6,350 (the same as in 1968, and 20 less than in 1967).

There were 95 live births (one more than in 1968) with no stillbirth and no infant death. There was no maternal death.

The number of deaths was 110 compared with 94 in 1968. Fiftysix of the deaths were from strokes, heart and circulatory disease including coronary thrombosis. This is the same pattern as in previous years and in the country generally. Cancer was responsible for 15 deaths compared with 10 in 1968.

Five new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year and there were two deaths from this disease. (compared with 3 notifications and 1 death in 1968).

I wish to thank Mr. Parry, the Public Health Inspector, and all the other council officials for their help during the year.

Finally I wish to thank all the council members for their continued courtesy and support.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

H. FRANCIS.

District Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

SECTION A.	Area of Ffestiniog District 1969.	1623
	Rateable Value 232701	
	Population (Registrar General's figures)	6,350.
	Value represented by Penny Rate	
	Number of inhabited houses	
	(According to the Rate Books, at the end of year.) 904	

VITAL STATISTICS.

Comparability Factors -	
Births	1.09.
Deaths	1.02.

<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>		
Total	49	46.
Legitimate	46	46.
Illegitimate	3	mil.

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population - 15. 0.

1968 figures - 14. 8.

Illegitimate Live Births (per 1,000 population) - 0.48.

<u>STILL BIRTHS.</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Total	-	-
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	-	-
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	-	-
<u>TOTAL BIRTHS</u> (live and Still)	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Live	49	46
Still	-	-

DEATHS

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Total	nil	nil
Legitimate	nil	nil
Illegitimate	nil	nil
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	nil	
1963 figures	11	

Deaths of Legitimate Infants Mortality
(per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births) nil

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants Mortality
(per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births) nil

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS.</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Total	nil	nil
Legitimate	nil	nil
Illegitimate	nil	nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Total	nil	nil
Legitimate	nil	nil
Illegitimate	nil	nil
<u>Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u>	- nil	
<u>Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u>	- nil	
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u>	- nil	
<u>MATERNAL DEATHS</u> (including abortion)	nil	

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Rate per 1,000)

Live Still Births	- nil
1968 figures	- nil

DEATHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total number	56	54
Rate per 1,000 population - 17.3.		
1968 figures	- 14.8.	

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Total number	5	10
Rate per 1,000 population - 2.4.		
1968 figures	- 1.6.	

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total number	1	1
Rate per 1,000 population - .314		
1968 figures	- .016	

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

- Public Health Officers of the Authority
One Medical Officer of Health.
One Public Health Inspector/Surveyor.
- Laboratory Facilities
Bacteriological examination of water and examination of milk, for cleanliness and keeping quality and for brucella organisms by the Public Health Laboratory, Conway. Chemical analysis by the Public Analyst, Chester.
- Ambulance Facilities
There are three ambulances and one sitting case car situated at Wynne Road, Blaenau Ffestiniog. There are four ambulance drivers employed.
- Infant Welfare Clinics.
There is a clinic held at Isallt every other Tuesday (attended by a G.P.) A clinic is held at Bethel Chapel Vestry, Ffestiniog on the 2nd Tuesday in each month.
There is a Health Visitors clinic held every alternate Tuesday at Isallt Clinic Blaenau Ffestiniog.

5. Ante Natal Clinics.

There is a clinic held at Isellit Clinic, Blaenau Ffestiniog every Monday.

6. Orthopaedic Clinic.

There is a clinic held at the Blaenau Ffestiniog Hospital every third Thursday in the month.

7. Tuberculosis Clinic.

There is a clinic held every Friday at the Ffestiniog Hospital at 10.30.a.m. and 2.0.p.m.

8. Immunisation.

Immunisation against Diptheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis, measles and smallpox is carried out at Infant Welfare clinics and in the General Practitioners surgeries.

9. Hospitals.

There is one hospital at Blaenau Ffestiniog.

10. Infectious Diseases.

Total number of Infectious diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year:- 28.

Scarlet Fever.

Bacillary Dysentery

Whooping Cough

Measles

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Infantile Paralysis

Pneumonia

Infective jaundice

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TUBERCULOSISNEW CASES.

		<u>Total</u>	5
Pulmonary			
	Males	4	Females 1
Non-Pulmonary		<u>Total</u>	nil
	Males		Females

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

		<u>Total</u>	2
Pulmonary			
	Males	1	Females 1
Non-Pulmonary		<u>Total</u>	nil
	Males		Females.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and mortality during 1969 in age groups.

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory.		Non- Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
2								
3								
5								
10								
15								
20	1							
25	1							
35								
45	1							
55	1							
65								
75		1			1	1		
Total	4	1			1	1		

CAUSES OF DEATH 1969.

	Males	Females.
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	1
Other Tuberculosis, Inc. Late Effects		
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases		
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.		
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus		1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	3
" " Intestine		
" " Larynx		
" " Lung, Bronchus	3	1
" " Breast		1
" " Prostate		
" " Uterus		
Leukaemia		
Other Malignant Neoplasms		4
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms		
Diabetes Mellitus	2	1
Anaemia		
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases		
Mental Disorders	1	
Other Diseases of Nervous System		
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Diseases		
Hypertensive Disease	1	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	13	6
Other Forms of Heart Disease		2
Cerebrovascular Disease	10	17
Other Diseases of Circulatory System		4
Influenza		
Pneumonia	3	
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	3
Asthma		
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	8	
Peptic Ulcer	1	
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia		
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis		
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System		
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality		
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour Etc.		
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions		
Motor Vehicle Accidents		
All other accidents	2	2
Suicide and Self Inflicted Injuries		1

FOOD HYGIENE

Shops and other food premises were inspected and advice given. (340)

No of Prosecutions.

Nil.

BURIALS AT LOCAL AUTHORITY CEMETERIES during 1969.

Bethesda 86 Ffestiniog 27.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1947 (AMENDED 1951)

No cases were removed under the provision of the 1951 Amendment Provisions.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.Housing Act.

Houses closed	nil
Persons displaced	nil
Houses made fit after informal action by L.A. (By Owner)	16
Demolition Orders	1

Public Health Acts.

Houses rendered fit after formal Notices by L.A.	1
Water closets repaired	14
Drainage repairs and Improvements	28
Nuisances caused by animals	2
Smoke nuisances	nil
Offensive trades	nil
Houses disinfected and fumigated	8
Houses disinfested	1
Action re Tents, vans and sheds	2
Cesspools emptied	8

CARAVAN SITES There are no caravan sites in the area.

REFUSE COLLECTION in all parts of the district is carried out weekly using one side loading vehicle and one rear loading compressor type vehicle. There is no separate trade refuse collection or charge. Litter receptacles were provided at all lay-by's, and collection is carried out regularly.

HOUSING AND BYELAWS.Discretionary Grants.

No of applications received	18
No of applications approved	18
Amount paid during year	£3755. 0. 0.

Standard Grants

No of applications received	61
No of applications approved	61
Amount paid during year	£8058. 0. 0.

Plans.

156 applications and plans were submitted.

Council Building.

9 Flats at Garregddu were completed.

SEWERAGE.

Samples of sewerage effluent were taken twice during 1969 from the following: Tanygrisiau Sewerage Disposal Works, Manod, Tyddyn Gwyn Sewerage Disposal Works, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Cwm Bowydd Sewerage Disposal Works. All were found to be satisfactory. Results are influenced by the degree of dilution from rainfall.

WATER SUPPLYRainfall - Llyn Morynion.

January	10.72"	
February	.45"	(Snow recorded for 3 weeks)
March	2.95"	
April	8.23"	
May	9.44"	
June	8.08"	(2.5" fell over 17/18th)
July	4.06"	
August	5.98"	
September	3.51"	
October	5.29"	
November	10.39"	
December	8.86"	

77.96"

WATER SAMPLES.

10 water samples were taken during the year and all were found to be satisfactory.

MEAT INSPECTION.

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>
January	8	21	117
February	8	21	59
March	8	18	23
April	12	25	36
May	8	22	44
June	7	16	110
July	7	14	151
August, Sept	9	20	170
October	7	18	117
November	8	15	153
December	10	27	129

OTHER FOODS.

648 tins of foodstuffs were condemned during the year. In addition, due to electrical breakdowns 928 packets of frozen foods were condemned.

ANNUAL REPORT ON RATS AND MICE.Prevention of damage by pests Act 1949.Report for the 12 months ended 31st December, 1969.

Council Properties	-	Inspections	131
		Found infested	37
		Treatments	112
		Complaints	nil
Private Dwellings	-	Inspections	698
		Found infested	403
		Treatments	403
		Complaints	174
Business Premises	-	Inspections	79
		Found infested	7
		Treatments	7
		Complaints	5
Agricultural Premises	-	Inspections	109
		Found infested	7
		Treatments	2
		Complaints	2

In addition to the inspections carried out by the Rodent Operator 340 visits were made to the shops and catering establishments.

Indications of infestations were passed on to the operator for further investigations and treatments

The Council's four sewerage outfall works and one refuse tip at Cwnabowydd were regularly attended to and special attention has been paid to water courses.

Complaints regarding offensive smell from rodents dying in inaccessible locations in dwellings were less than in previous years.

FACTORIES ACT.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act.

PART 1. OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of the provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	no. on register	Inspections	No of written notices	occupiers prosecuted.
1. Factories in which sect. 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	3	10	nil	nil
2. Factories not included in 1. in which Sect 7 is enforced by L.A.	31	16	nil	nil
3. Other premises in which Sec 7 is enforced by L.A. (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	6	nil	nil

Total	37	32	nil	nil
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CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Insp. by H.M. Insp.		No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness	2	2			
Overcrowding					
Unreasonable Temp					
Inadequate ventilation					
Ineffective drainage of floors					
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	1	1			
(c) Not separate for sexes.					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-Work)					
	3	3			

PART VI11 of the Act.

There are no outworkers.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.TABLE A.

<u>REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.</u>			
Class of premises	No. of premises newly registered during the year	Total no. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices		28	10
Retail Shops	1	57	40
Wholesale shops			
Warehouses		2	2
Catering establishments open to the public			
canteens		8	8
Fuel storage depots		2	2
Totals	1	97	62

TABLE B.

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections to registered premises) 156.

TABLE C.

ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS
EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES
AT END OF YEAR

CLASS OF WORKPLACE (1)	NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED (2)
Offices	100
Retail shops	152
Wholesale departments, warehouses	4
Catering establishments open to the public	6
Canteens	20
Fuel storage depots.	
Total	302
Total Males	133
Total Females	169.

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SAMPLES TAKEN IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF Ffestiniog DURING
THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1969.

(1) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

Article	No obtained	No. certified at adulterated or not up to standard	Remarks
Brandee (Indian)	1	1	Sample contained only 7.6% of the quantity of chloro- form spirit declared.
Bronchial Balm	1	-	
Chem plus Antiseptic	1	-	
Jam	1	-	
Milk - Formal	20	-	
Tusana Cough Pastilles	1	-	
Talcum Powder	1	-	-
Total	26	1	

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1963.

(11)

CLASS OF MILK	NO OF SAMPLES	APPROPRIATE TESTS	NO. OF SAMPLES.	
			PASSED	FAILED.
Pasteurised	28	Methylene Blue	27	1
		Phosphate	28	-
Sterilised	-	Turbidity	-	-
Untreated	53	Methylene Blue	45	8
Ultra Heat Treated	-	Colony Count	-	-

BIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLING (TUBERCULOSIS AND BRUCELLA INFECTION)

(111) Number of samples tested 53

(1v) Number of licensed Dealers in Ffestiniog District 3

